



Tips for Grandparents *who are* Raising Grandchildren in Illinois

These simple suggestions have been developed by the Task Force on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in Illinois to assist older adult caregivers in their efforts to provide quality care for their family's children. The Task Force can be reached through the Illinois Department on Aging's toll-free Senior HelpLine, **1-800-252-8966** (Voice and TTY).

Legal Assistance

Grandparents and other relatives raising a grandchild or other child who is not their own often have questions or need legal advice about custody, guardianship, school enrollment, medical and other issues.

YOU MAY RECEIVE FREE LEGAL ADVICE through Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Services, Inc., if you are a grandparent or other relative who lives in one of these Illinois counties:

Adams	Clinton	Ford	Jersey	Montgomery	Schuyler
Alexander	Coles	Franklin	Johnson	Morgan	Scott
Bond	Crawford	Gallatin	Macon	Perry	Shelby
Brown	Cumberland	Greene	Macoupin	Piatt	St. Clair
Calhoun	DeWitt	Hamilton	Madison	Pike	Union
Cass	Douglas	Hancock	Mason	Pope	Vermillion
Champaign	Edgar	Hardin	Massac	Pulaski	Wabash
Christian	Edwards	Jackson	Menard	Randolph	Washington
Clark	Effingham	Jasper	Moultrie	Richland	Wayne
Clay	Fayette	Jefferson	Monroe	Saline	White
				Sangamon	Williamson

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Services, Inc., provides free legal services to seniors age 60 and over, and to grandparents and other relatives as parents under the age of 60 whose household incomes are below the Federal poverty guidelines. These services include general information and advice about grandparents' rights relating to: custody, guardianship, visitation rights, and eligibility for public benefits.

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Services, Inc., also will provide for representation of individuals in court. Cases accepted for representation are based on available staff in each local office and the availability of private attorneys who are willing to take cases without pay (pro bono).